AN INSURANCE WAR.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH COMPANIES OF. POSED.

DOMESTIC UNDERWRITERS SAY THAT FOREIGN COMPETITORS HAVE AN UNFAIR ADVAN-

TAGE-TALKS FROM BOTH SIDES. What looks to the outsider like an international war teems to have suddenly broken out among the fire insurance men of this city. F. C. Moore, president of the Continental Insurance Company, has been apparently selected as a champion of the American fire insurance companies in an endeavor to restrict the operations of some of the English companies. These, it is asserted, are securing undue advantages over the American companies through their ability to arrange for large amounts of reinsurance in Europe with companies that have no assets or representatives in the United States. Thus an English company will sometimes write \$50,000 on a single rish, but it is really only liable to lose \$10,000, as all the rest reinsured abroad. If the company loses money by fire here, it is bound to make money on its reinsurance, whether fires are heavy or not, because the reinsuring ompany pays the represented English company a larger commission than the latter has to pay here to

get the business. Then the English company says

to the broker or local agent, "Give us your dwelling

house business, and we will write very large lines for

you on your poorer risks," and so the American com

panies have suddenly awakened to the fact that they are getting left in the race. The law of Massachusett

provides that companies doing business in that Statemust not reinsure in companies, that are not represented in the State, and Nr. Moore proposes to undertake to have a similar law enacted in New-York. On the other hand, the English representative declare that their companies are responsible for all the risks they assume and that it is nobody's business whether they are protected by reinsurance, and whether if so protected, the companies reinsuring them are represented in the United States or not. The matter was brought up at the last meeting of the Board of Underwriters, and the meeting decided, in view of the sharp difference of opinion existing among members, that the Board would better not take sides, but many of the members of the Board who took this view ar determined to exercise their judgment and to use their

influence on one side or the other, It is understood that a bill has already been drawn and will be presented as soon as the Legislature meets, and as feeling already runs high, the most vigorous efforts may be looked for on both sides. Mr. Moore said yesterday .

The question of reinsurance by companies located in NewYork with insurance companies on the other side of the Atlantic is simply a parallel case with the importation of manufactured goods by merchants free of duy to the disadvantage of American manufacturers of the same to the disadvantage of American manufacturers of the goods. The practice deprives those insurance companies who are located in this State, and who comply with its laws and are under supervision of the Insurance Department, of business so transferred to other countries. The result naturally is a loss to domestic companies, and the practice is largely responsible for the fallure and retirement from business of American underwriters. The practice ought to be stopped, whether engaged in by foreign or deposite companies. These companies who transfer businesses in the second of the property of the second of the property of the second of the property of in this way object to the proposed law, because the mess in this way object to the Proposed law, neclause the make a handsome profit out of the transaction, buying a business from brokers or agents at a smaller commissa-than that received from the foreign reinsuring compan They pocket the difference, and the foreign company benefited to the deriment of home companies, without in any way being interested in our ins vision of our State officials. I cannot see wh American underwriters should not be protected in the American underwriters should not be protected in their business as against foreign competitors, just as well as American manufacturers. I think the few companies who are opposing this measure are making a mistake. It would be wiser to show proper appreciation of the good-fellowship and courtery shown to them by American un-derwriters, who consent to their being permitted to do business here on the same basis with themselves, rather than to pursue a more selfish course; for the result mus-inevitably be strong antagonism, which may take the shape of taxation, which will practically be prohibitory to

An officer of another well-known American insur ance company said that he believed in equality. For eign companies should not have advantages over do-"At present the mestic companies. He added: English companies do not come under the territorial laws of any of the other States of the Union, which apply to New-York companies. You can 'get at' them forbidding any company doing business in the United States to reinsure any portion of its risks on property in this State in companies not authorized do business in this State; and by forbidding the make a statement that they have not done so, as a condition precedent to the renewal of their license."

E. F. Biddail, manager of the Royal Insurance Company, had this to say from "the other side of the

risks in this city which cannot be insured in companies the case of McKesson & Robbins, whose premises were the case of Alexerson & Rebonus, whose premises were burned last hight, the list of insurances upon the property contained in that building showing that a considerable amount of it was placed in European companies not author-ized to do business in this State. The demand existing for this insurance led a few of the English companies to secure reinsurance contracts abroad, under which they were enabled to increase their writings and so give the protection which these merchants needed. This, apparently, is what has raised the outery, and the companies represented by the Continental apparently are taking the part of the deg in the manger, refusing to take the risks themselves, and wishing to prevent any other commany from taking them, if they can. The advantages which the companies having these reinsuring contracts derive are nil, except such indirect advantage as may arise from the ability to take the large lines, and the disposition of the merchant to patronize such companies. The annual of business transacted in this way is exceedingly small, amounting to prob-ably less than 1 per cent of the total premium receipts from this city. The companies having these relocurance contracts are not sufficiently interested in their retention to take any active steps to prevent the passage of such a law as Mr. Moore is said to be advocating. It is a question for the merchanes themselves, and if they are indifferent as to whether such a law is passed or not, I presume it will go through. If Mr. Moore and the companies associated with him are of the opinion that it is prefitable to transact this reinsurance is nothing in the law as at present exist business, there is note in the same of the prevent his company doing so if it wishes to. It is well known that a number of the native companies, as well known that a number of the native companies, as well as foreign companies, have these reinsurance contracts, both in Europe and with companies of this country, not authorized to do business here. Again, if a merchant cannot get all the insurance he wants, he will use his influence and his money to the starting of new companies which, when started, become competitors for business generally. We believe, therefore, that taking these excess lines is an advantage to all the companies, and certainly a great benefit to the merchants themselves.

It is the opinion of the underwriters whom The

Tribune reporter was able to see yesterday that the contest over this proposed legislation will not be perwith the wganization of an association to regulate rates of insurance and brokerage, which is now being established. The leading contestants in the one matter are working together most assiduously and harmoniously in the other and declare that they are all determined to have better rates and lower expenses in this district.

McKESSON & ROBBINS'S INSURANCE. The insurance on the stock of McKesson & Robbin

Nos. 91 and 93	Fulton-st.,	and Nos. 80, 8.	2 and 84
Anu-st., 18:			
Union, Cal	62,500	Detroit F. & M.	+1,500
Ins. Co. States Pa.	2.500	Ins. Co. No. Am,	5,000
Conn., Hartfor !	2 500	Reading, Pa	1.660
Scott U. & Nat.	2,500	Westche ter	3,000
G.r.rd. Phila	1.500	Bartford, Cons	2,500
Phoenix, Hartf'rd	2,500	Franklin, Palla.	2,500
Springheld, Mass	2,500	Mutual, N. Y	15,000
Williamsburg City	1.500	Stot I & N	5,000
Williamsburg City	1,000	Standard, N. Y.	2,500
Meriden, Conn	3.000	Columbia, Onegon	1.500
New-Bampshire	2,500	Teutonia, Parrent	2,500
Mt s. Mutual, Ind	1,500	Mississippi Valley	2,500
National, Tenn	4,000	Bastomore, M.L.	1,500
Southern New-	2,000	Arimpton, M'phis	1.000
Oriente Maria	2.300	Enterprise Cin.,	1,000
Min'apol w Mutual	1,000	Mt. Holly, N. J.	1.000
Globe, Cinc nuati	1.000	Northwest, Ore.	1.000
People's, Coun	1,500	Millions' Mut. Wis	2.500
Pac fic. Or gon	1,000	Rome, Ga	1,000
Mac n, Georgia	1.000	Milwaukee, Mich	1,500
Standard, W. Va.	9,708 73	Home, N. Y	5.000
Helvetia, Switz	2,500	Security	1.500
Merchants', Nwk.	1.000	Mercantile, Bost.	1.500
Rings County	5,000	Liberty	2,500
Exthat ge	9,1700	Sun Nut. N. O.	1,250
Manufacturers &	1,500	Anglo-Nevada	2,500
Merchante, Pa	1.000	Commonwealth	5.000
Guardian, N. Y	1.500	German, Pitts	1.500
Eagle		Netherlands	3,667 50
Teutonia, Phila	1,500		2,500
New-York	1,500	Amestrong	1.500
Manchester	3,667 50	Atlantic P. & M.	10,000
Byea	3,667 50	Fire Ass'n, N. Y.	1.009
Aetna, Hartford	2.500	Cirient Hartford.	2.000
United States	2,600	Farragut	
Helvetia	5,342 71	Prudent al	2,500
Muthal Guaranty	1,500	Commonwealth	2,500
Royal	5.000	Ruigers	1,000
Btuvvesent	2,500	Consolidated, Ill.	2,000
North River	2,500	Citizens', N. Y	2,440
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Total .

People's
Fire Ass'n Phila.
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on & Robbins, No. 78 Ann-st., stock:

.. \$218,883 94

SD&C SPECIAL XMAS

SHOT CUNS. \$4 will get a Joslyn Single Breech-Loader.

\$7.50 buys a Steel-barrel Double Breech-loader.

will pay for one with pistol laminated barrels.

plete " Gun, all the improvements.

\$25 a choice of Pieper, Baker, Manhattan, Parkhurst and other known makes.

\$35 to \$60 Parker, Colt, Smith, Pieper, and other popular brands.

And from \$75 up—Hammerless guns of every known make-regular style and automatic ejecting.

In short, if you want a Gun call on Schoverling, Daly & Gales, 302 Broadway.

Lendon & L. & 5,000 Armstrong 5,000 Armstrong 5,000 Lien 2,500 Mechanics', Phila 9,000 Empire State, 1,500 Empire State, 1,500 Hamilton 1,000	Mutual, N. Y. 10,000 Marine, St. Louis 500 Erankillo, Ohio. 1,500 Western, Can. 1,000 Chenix, Hartford, 1,000 Citizens, N. Y. 1,500 Nigara 1,500 Lioyds 5,612
Loss estimated at 5 pt McKesson & Robbins,	Nos. 76 and 78 Annist., Stock:
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McKesson & I	Robbins,	Nos. 95 and 97 1	***********
	5.000	Germania	2,500
Druggists' Mutual	1,500	Klagara	1.250
New Hampshire	2.500	Home, N. Y	2.500
Commercial Union	2.500	Conconfia	1, 00
Commercial, Cal.	1,500	Royal	2 500
Armstrong	7.500	Boatman's, Pitts.	
Man'rs. & B'd'rs	1,500	Prov. Washinton	1.500
Conn., Hartford.,	1,000		
Am, Mutual	500	Manufrs', Mul.	1,500
Wiscon, Mutual.	1.500	Home, Tenn	1,000
Milw'kee Mutual.	1,500	None, Jenn	2,000
Citizens', Pitts	1,000	Will'msh'g City	1,500
Stuyvesant	2,500	Sun, Cal.	1.000
Newark	1.000	Sun Mut., N. O. West re, Can	1,000
Franklin, Ohio	1.000	Mest Fit, Catt.	1 000
People's, N. Y	1.000	Buffalo Garman	1,500
Afexandria	1.000	Armenia, P tts	2,500
Phoenix, Hart	1.500	Prudential N. Y.	1.200
American, N. Y.	2.590	M'r h'is, Newa k	5,000
Merchants' Prov.	31,500	L & L & Glabe	1.500
Spring Garden	2.500	Equitable, Prov.	2,000
Lafavette	1.250	Citivens', N. Y.,	2,000
Reliance Mutual	1.000	Un'on Mutual	2,500
Central Mutual.	2.000	Lieyds	4,880
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The offices formerly occupied by the American Meat Company in Aldrich Court, No. 45 Broadway, were in A new firm was moving a state of chaos yesterday. n and a sign-painter was obliterating the last marks which indicated that there had been such a thing as the American Meat Company. The secretary, Charle E. Coon, was found in his office, in the banking house of Green & Bateman, No. 57 Broadway. Mr. Coon

nounced, the advertisements of the stock were published with the name of John H. Flagler at the head of the directory. Then Mr. Flagler's co-trustees in the Cotton Oil Trust, so I am informed, objected to his paying any attention to other important matters, and caused his resignation. The stock advertisements had to be withdrawn, and such stock subscriptions as had already been made had to be annulled. This was of course embarrassing and proved a heavy blow to the company. We had at that time, however, on In the first place there are a very large number of and caused his resignation. The stock advertisements to the company. We had at that time, however, opto the company. We had at that time, however, options on great tracts of grazing-land in the West,
stocked with enormous heads of cattle and swine and
flocks of sheep. The market, it is true, was not good,
but the advantages we certainly had caused ex-schabe
Warner Miller to take his place at the belin. As the
prospects grew brighter for the stockmen, a number of
them hurrisdly called their options in. We concluded
that it would be an injustice to the rest to hold them
to their contracts when they could do so much bester,
and the practical dissolution was begun by Senator
Miller's retirement. That is all there is of it. We
have not issued a dollar's worth of stock, and do not
owe a dollar in the world."

> THE FAILURE OF WHITNEY & CO. James W. Whitney, head of the firm of Whitney & Co., dry-goods commission merchants, who on Monday suspended payment and made an as ignment without preferences to David A. Boody, of the banking house of Boody, McLellan & Co., was seen yesterday at his office, No. 73 Worth-st., and said that the state ments regarding the fallure as published yesterday morning were su stantially correct, "Whether or not we can resume business immediately, if at all, he said, "depends, of course, upon our creditors; but we are hopeful that their action will not be such as to prevent our gaining our feet again. We expecto have our sheet made out and the creditors to meet within a week. The loss will not be heavy." ney said that nearly all the liabilities were due to banks, but preferred not to give their names.

Thomas G. Ritch, of Arnoux, Ritch & Woodford, attorneys for Whitney & Co., said that the firm had been carrying on too extensive a business for its capital, and believing it unjust to its creditors to continue, had made the assignment. He said that every one connected with the fallure reported enti-confidence in the ability of the assignee to clear confidence in the ability of the assigne to clear up the affairs of the firm as satisfactorily as possible. The loss at any rate would not be large as the nominal assets were about the same as the liabilities.

Mr. Hoody had not had an opportabily to look into the books of the firm vesterary. By will have made a thorough examination of the firm's affairs by the first of next week.

THE NAVY YARD NOT WHOLLY DESERTED. The Brooklyn Navy Yard, which for many months has held so many of the new and old-style naval vessels, looked yesterday almost deserted in one way, for since the departure of the Dolphin to join the other vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron, at Hayti, there is but one commissioned vessel, the Portsmouth

OPENING OF THE XAVIER CLUB-HOUSE. A scene of bustle and animation was that of last evening in the handsome and commodious building. No. 50 West Sixteenth st. The occasion was the formal opening of the Xavier Club-house. More than 400 Catholic young men from various parts of the city were present and at least 100 others tried to get in but could not for want of room in the ball where the inaugural speches were made. The Rev. David H. Merrick, president of St. Francis Xavier's College, presided. All of his colleagues in the college faculty were present, as also was Father Dougherty, of the for starting to build several tenement houses too close in trying to reinstate him by the courts. Roman Catholic chaplain of the Navy. James B. Sheshan, recording secretary of the club, began the oratorical part of the programme with a brief speech. He was followed by W. Bourke Cockran. James J. Buckley, as chairman of the house committee, then escorted the visitors and members over the building, which is handsomely fitted up and contains more than the usual number of club conveniences. Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, and Father Parks, together.

NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.

A NEW HOME FOR THE PAVONIA YACHT CLUB.

The Pavonia Yacht Club, an organization which howed remarkable vitality last year, is booming still. The latest development of its energy takes the form of a plan for building a new club-house at Atlantic Highlands, at a cost of \$5,000. The site secured is a fine piece of land formerly owned by J. S. Stought. \$7.50 for a Shattuck Single It has a frontage of fifty feet on Bay Viewave, and the bluff, and a depth of 250 feet along Maine-ave. It is about three quarters of a mile from the Govern the bluff, and a depth of 250 feet along Maine ave. It is about three-quarters of a mile from the Government dock at Sandy Hook, and about the same distance from the mouth of shrewsbury River. The inclos-ing of a fine anchorage like that at Bay Ridge is contemplated. The club, which now has 135 member and sixty-one yachts, has elected the fol-\$12 will pay for one with pistor and sixty-one yachts, has considered by grip, rebounding locks and lowing officers: Commodore, D. W. Kohn; vice-lowing officers: Commodore, W. A. Smith; treasurer, L. Mittels-commodore, W. A. Smith; treasurer, L. Mittels-commodore, W. A. Smith; treasurer, L. McClain; corresponding dorf; financial secretary, B. H. McClain; corresponding \$15 brings a Top-action Extensecretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet captain, A. P. Curtis secretary, S. A. Chester; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H. Fowle; fleet surgeon, Dr. H. Schweig; measurer, R. H.

DEATH OF A COMRADE OF S. F. B. MORSE. Charles T. Smith, one of the oldest telegraph operators in the United States, died at his home, in Jersey City, on Monday. He was born in Portland, Me., about sixty-nine years ago. He studied telegraphy under Alfred Vail, at Washington, in 1845, and was asse ciated with Samuel F. B. Morse and J. D. Reid, now United States Consul at Dunfermilne, Scotland, in the building of the first telegraph lines. It is said that he constructed the first instruments actually used on a practical telegraph line. Upon the completion of the New-York and Washington line, in 1846, he became manager of the terminal office at Jersey City. Later manager of the terminal office at Jersey City. Lafer he was engaged in the construction of the O'Reily lines in the Southwest. From 1853 to 1857 he was manager of the New-York office of the line to Boston. About ten years ago he became connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company, and at the time of his death was steward of the dining-room in the Western Union Building. One son and one daughter survive him. The funeral will be held at the Free Church, in Summit-ave., this evening at 8 o'clock.

Internal Revenue Collector Large has divided Hudson County into three collection districts with a deputy for each, and a collector to have supervising charge of

In the case of the Newark, Jersey City and Western Railroad Company, which recently had a right of way condemned through the Currie estate, the award was paid into court before the counsel for the owners could file their appeal. The latter applied to the Chancellor for redress, and yesterday he ordered the case reopened. ase reopened.

The Hudson County Bar Association yesterday

elected the following officers: President, Samuel A. Besson; vice-president, John W. Heck; secretary, William C. Cudliff; treasurer, James A. Gordon.

ELIZABETH.

GENERAL J. MADISON DRAKE CONVICTED.
On his second trial for criminal libel General J.
Madison Drake, commander of the Veteran Zouaves
and editor and publisher of "The Daily Leader," was
convicted yesterday. His accuser was Hemy Cook,
publisher of "The Central Heraid." On the former
trial of Drake the jury stood eight to four for conviction. Another disagreement was confidently expected. The jury were out only three and a halt
hours, and at 2 p. m. brought in a verdict of guilty
with a recommendation to mercy. General Drake said
last night that the case would be appealed to the
Supreme Court, where three other criminal libel suits

NEWTOWN.—Robert J. Marks Post, No. 560, has Supreme Court, where three other criminal libel suits against the redoubtable warrior have been previously carried and are awaiting decisions.

Mary Ann Shields, a colored servant in the family of William Clark, superintendent of the Elizabeth and Newark Horse Railroad, yesterday obtained a verdict in the District Court against her employer for 8175 and costs for false imprisonment. A scalskin sacque belonging to Mrs. Clark was stolen, and the domestic was accused of the theft. she was confined for two days in jail, when, there being no proof of her guilt, she was released, but lost her situation.

OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS.

A SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A DOG. Fire completely destroyed a fine dwelling, half a entury old, on the shore of Newark Bay, at Bayonne, companies on the other side reinsuring any portion of have been generally fanciful. The facts are simple their risks in companies outside, requiring them to enough. Last winter, when the scheme was first anced, the advertisements of the stock were pubreets. The family escaped with a few clothes and ne trunk. Mr. Marchand lost a \$750 promissory of and a fine laboratory. In all he loses about, 5,000. The building was owned by T. C. Brown, of ersey City, and was worth \$5,000.

> A LITTLE BOY AND GIRL DROWNED. Plains on Saturday afternoon, The children of Hansal A CHARGE OF JOBBERY LEADS TO A LIBEL SUIT. Hazenbach, Eva and Clarence, age eleven and thirteen. The trial of a suit brought by Thomas E. O'Brien. A peculiar drownlog accident occurred at Morris Hazenbach, Eva and Clarence, age eleven and thirteen years, were playing on the banks of \$\vec{n}\$ smail pond beconging to \$\vec{k}\$ thard \$A\$. McCurdy, by whom Hazenbech has been employed as butter for a long time, and it is supposed one feel in and in attempting to rescue it both were drowned. A passing boy noticed a hand extended through the thin lee at the edge of the pond and gave the alarm, but when the bodies were taken from the water life was extinct.

NEWARK.

The police patrol system will go into operation on Monday or Tuesday, a delay having been caused by the non-arrival of eighty-one telephone sets ordered from the Bell Telephone Company.

A meeting of insurance men was held yesterday to take further action looking to better protection from electric wires. A committee consisting of Frederick G. Agens, F. R. Milliken and George C. Planer was ap pointed to confer with Thomas A. Edison and Edward

James T. Gorman, age twenty-six, a gre clerk, who lived at New and Orleans sts., was found dead on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks yesterlay morning. His body was badly mangled by passing

MORRISTOWN.-The Rev. Isaac M. B. Thompson, recently called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church from Milburn, was installed last evening.

BELLEVILLE.-William Henry Harrison, colored who killed William Barnett, a young Irishman, in Belleville, a year ago and was acquitted on a plea of self-defence, has been boxcotted ever since. Work-men refuse to work with him and he can get no em-Harrison has a family of eight small htidren and they have been on the verge of starvation.

PLAINFIELD .-- A notice was rasted on the door of A. T. Ayres, a prominent Republican, on Tuesday night alluding to his polities, and warning him to leave the Democratic neighborhood in which he lives The notice was written on the bank of a Democratic municipal bailot and was signed "White Caps." several windows and doors were also smashed. Mr.

granted the application to have the election fraud case reopened, in order to admit the new evidence which

people who put up tenement-houses so closely as to deprive the rooms of sufficient light and air. Egan has been fined \$50 and costs by Recorder Greaves

ORANGE.-August Erdmann, editor and proprietor of "The Orange Volksbolt," died yesterday morning from consumption. He was born in Herford, Ge many, in 1841, and came to this country in 1852 with his parents. In 1872, with his brother-in-law, Louis Darnstadt, he established "The Volksholt." Mr. Darn-

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Reproductions of the latest French strips in antique Oak natural finish Mahogany. Trimmings of old silver oxydized bra.a. These shaving cabinets are fitted h locked comparaments for mus, locked drawers for are, and every boilet convenience. Adjustable mirrors reech beveined plate; broad top of richly grained wood, partment drawers with dust proof finish and every partment.

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Selected English Oak, cut quartered grain, with 16th and 18th century finishes. Fitted with upper and lower shelf for books, and wine, deep drawer; carved lid. Irichly decorated, with firm sliding supports. The inside arrangements of these deaks include wide shelves, drawers, pigeon holes, square compartments, secret drawers, racks for books, etc. The workmanship is the finest throughout.

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The very latest styles, with curtained front, with glass locked door, and with carved door, and bevelled Fronch mirror in panel. Our Music Cabinets are filted with adjustable shelves, and can be used for books, music or unmounted photographs. Mounted on light strong castors and finely fluished.

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stadt retired in 1876, and since then Mr. Erdmann

has been sole proprietor of the paper. WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.—The trial of Henry J. Cassidy, indicted for arron in the first degree, in having set fire to the Catholic Protectory buildings at Westchester, was begun yesteriay in the Westch star County Court. The prisoner's son was brought from Sing Sing prison, where he is serving at eight-year's sentence, to act as a witness. He denied that he had ever made a confession to Inspector Byrnes implicating his father.

YONKERS—Abraham Ferdon, who has for three weeks been confined in the Poughkeeps! Insane Asylim on the appica ion of his wi.e. was yesterous declared same by commissioner Thayer and a jury. declared sane by Commissioner Thayer and a jury. MOUNT VERNON.—In addition to the \$100 offered by the village trustees for the arrest and conviction of burglars operating in the town, the Town Board offers a reward of \$200... Frederick Earl has been elected cierk to the Board of Education in District No. 4... Dr. Howard Crosby, of New York, will preach at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Presbyterian Church to morrow.

LONG ISLAND.

NEWTOWN.—Robert J. Marks Post, No. 500, has elected the following officers: Commander, John S. Power; senior vice-commander, David Avenius; Junior vice-commander, John H. Miner; quartermisser, Jeromes Rapalye; surgeon, E. H. Weber; chaplain, James Randall; officer of the day, W. E. Slocum; officer of the guard. C. L. Hertle; delegates, W. E. slocum and D. Avenius.

ALONG THE SOUND.

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BRIDGEPORT.—Harbor Master McNeil has received a letter from Congressman Miles saying that he was assured by Secretary Windom that the appeal of the Bridgeport Board of Trade for the introduction of some means of protection against smugglers in Long Island Sound would be met. For the present the revenue cutter Manhattan, now doing duty in the harbor of New-York, will cruise at the western end of the Sound, while the eastern and would be covered by the outter Dexter, of the Newport stafon.

A. A. Stark has confessed to stealing \$600 in bills from a bureau drawer in the apartments of Mrs. McIntyre one night last week. He is held in \$2,000 bonds to answer.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

THE STATUE FOR J. S. T. STRANAHAN. The movement to erect a statue of J. S. T. Stranahar

being pushed forward. John Gibb, whose house has been opened more than once for the purpose of getting together those desirous of co-operating in pubenterprises, will give a dinner to-morrow evening. and a committee will then be appointed to tak and a committee who will be at the din-ner are the Rev. Dr. Storrs, ex-Mayor Schroeder, ex-Mayor Low, ex-Congressman S. V. White, William B. Kendail, Alexander E. Orr, General John E. Woodward, George V. Brower, E. R. Kennedy, William Berri, John Claffin, William Cary Sanger and S. B. Duryea.

Supervisor of the Sixth Ward, against Thomas McCann, a contractor, to recover \$50,000 as damages for alleged libel, was begun in the City Court yesterday. A bid by McCann for the construction of the retaining wall of the reservoir at the County Farm, at St. John land, was rejected last winter, although it was the lowest made, and McCann made an affidavit, alleging that O'Brien had endeavored to enter into a corrup agreement with him. In the atfldavit he charged tha O'Brien asked him." How much have you put in it for us?" after he had submitted his bid. Cansiderable evidence was taken yesterday and the trial will con

PERHAPS THEY PREFERRED A QUIET WEDDING. In May last the friends of Miss Jennie Leonora Berteaux, of No. 7 Cambridge Place, were invited t her marriage to William B. Wilkins, of No. 10 South Portland-ave., to whom she had been engaged for several years. Mr. Berteaux is a broker in Stone st New-York, and a large number of people gathered to attend the wedding of his daughter. The promised bridegroom failed to appear and finally the company dispersed without any explanation of the absence of Wilkins. He is said to be a man of wealth and Mr. Wilkins. The is a said to the first to Miss Herteaux. The fact was only recently disclosed by the publication of a marriage notice that on October 23 they went quietly to the rectory of the Church of the Messlah and were married by Dr. Haker.

WATER-WORKS CONTRACTS AWARDED. City Works Commissioner Adams awarded the contracts for the extension of the water-works in Queens County yesterday. The contracts were made for seven sections, and the aggregate amount is \$3,295,500. In the authority given to him by the Aldermen, awarded the contracts to other than the lowest bidders. The increase in the cost of the work from this cause is \$223,816. four of the sections the Commissioner, acting under

STONE, THE JOCKEY, TO BE HANGED. The news was received in Brooklyn yesterday that the Court of Appeals had decided not to interfere to save the neck of James Stone, the colored jockey, from the gallows for the murder of Henry Miller at

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A contract was awarded yesterday for the excavations for the foundation of the new Tabermacle.

Mayor Chapin yesterday appointed Theodore F.

Miller, J. C. Hendrix, Howard cibb, E. E. Minor, and W. T. Lane, a Rapid Transit Commission in response to the petition of residents in South Brooklyn for a new route from Thirty-seventh-st, and Fifth-form are, to the city line. The Comfission may also consider a way in Allantic ave. sider a road in Atlantic-ave. The General Term of the Supreme Court decided

The General Term of the Supreme Court decided against Richard Sinnott, in his effort to secure reinstatement as a Bridge pollecman. He was dismissed in March for absence without leave and falsely reporting that he was sick. The Central Democratic Association took up his cause and has spent \$700

UP IN RUSY HARLEM.

hundred and twenty-sixth-st, on Monday evening. If the last night proves as successful as the other two the members of the church have reason to congratulate themselves. There are a number of fancy and useful articles yet to be sold, and the restaurant is opened at 4 p. m. The executive committee of the fair organization is made up as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Robert Mook; secretary, Mrs. N. H. Andrus; Mrs. O. N. Hitchcock, Mrs. F. G. Lloyd, Dr. S. G. Sewell, F. G. Lloyd, Charles L. Stickney and Miss Pauline D. Steinert.

GATHERED FROM MANY QUARTERS. Aurora Encampment, Knights of St. John and Malta, gave a ball at Keller's Grove Hill Assembly Rooms

last night, and the members thoroughly enjoyed them-selves until an early hour this morning.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given by Lenox Council No. 882, Royal Arcanum, in the hall of the Harlem branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 5 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fith-st., this evening.

The third annual masquerade of the Rialto Club will be held at Keller's Grove Hill Assembly Rooms this evening.

THE STATE WORKINGMEN'S ASSEMBLY.

MEETING AT ALBANY WITH A LARGE ATTEND.

ANCE-THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. Albany, Dec. 10 .- The State Workingmen's Assembly net in the courtroom of the City Hall to-day. A large umber of representative workingmen from different parts of the State were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Thomas J. Dowling, Joseph R. Mansion, of West Troy, acting as secretary. The following Committee on Credentials was ap pointed: P. J. Doyle, W. F. See, John Phillips, Frank Weeks, C. McCarty, W. J. Barry and M. J. Keough. A recess was taken. At the reconvening of the Assembly, the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The annual address of the president was then

delivered. The speaker said that, although the bill providing for weekly pay which the labor men were instrumental in having introduced in the Legislature was not passed as a whole, still part was saved, passing both houses and being signed by Governor Hill. The speaker then said that a grave question confronted the assembly. It was that of prison labor. He thought that some of the trades were suffering from the competition of prison labor, and that the from the competition of prison labor, and that the adoption of a system that would take in most of the industries was the only way the problem could be solved. Referring to the State Printing Bureau, he said the measure was a good one; he believed that a bureau should be formed to publish uniform school books. The speaker then referred to the bills passed through the endeavors of the association of workingmen; congratulated the assembly upon the fact that the next annual meeting would be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the association, and urged that the occasion be celebrated by the publication of its history, to show to the people of the State the successes of the assembly.

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A number of documents and propositions were reported for consideration, among them being the following: The bill known last year as the Bance Uniform Schoolbook bill: recommending the appointment of female factory inspectors; favoring the Australian ballot-reform system; indorsing the proposed anti-Pinkerton Detective bill; calling for a counts of the condition of the working classes of the State; urging the Weekly Pay bill as the first measure to be pushed in the coming Legislature; asking for a reduction of the tariff duties on the readucts of man and the necessaries of life; providing for an increase of the factory inspectors' corps; demanding the enforcement of the Alen Contract Labor law; indorsing single-lax clusts, and allowing such clusts representatives in the convention, and indorsing New-York City as the place for holding the World's Fair in 1892.

George Blair offered a resolution applanding the investigation of the methods of the New-York City Dock Department, and, the rules being suspended, it was unanimously adonted.

George Blair and the Rev. George W. Muller, of Pitersburg, then addressed the convention in turn, dwelling mainly upon the inequalities of the prison contract labor system.

A NOVEL CRAFT READY FOR LAUNCHING.

THE INVENTOR CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE PRESENT METHOD

OF PROPELLING SHIPS. There will be launched from the ship yard of James Lennex, Twentieth-st., South Brooklyn, this morning, a remarkable craft, in whose future performances much interest is centred ebcause of the confident hopes of the person who has designed it and patented the machinery which is to furnish the motive power, that it will revolutionize the present methods of naval propulsion. The Evolution is the name of the boat which has been built for the Jackson Navigation Company, of this city, of which Dr. W. M. Jackson, the designer of the boat, is the head. It is intended that the motive power will be furnished by forcing out through a small pipe a great quantity of water under heavy pressure. For this purpose, the boat will be equipped with a pumping engine of 1,500 horse-power which will draw in the water through eight-inch pipes on each side of the keel about midships and then orce it out through three-quarter-inch pipes either fore or aft, according to which direction it is desired

The steering arrangements consist of a number of movable collars attached to the ends of these small pipes so that the stream of water may be turned in any direction and the course obtained accordingly.

The boiler of the boat is about fourteen feet fourteen feet long and eight feet high, and contains

fourteen feet long and eight feet high, and contains over four miles of steam pipe, presenting an enormous surface to the fire. It is expected that the water will be forced out of the small pipes at the rate of over 600 feet a second, or over six knots a minute. Dr. Jackson believes that the Evolution will be able to make at least twenty-five knots an hour.

The boat is 10s feet over all, 23 feet beam and 6.12 feet deep. She has been constructed on a new plan which does away with knees and frames. The outside surface of the hull being of polished mahogany, is perfectly smooth. After the boat has been launched, she will be taken to Tebo's ship yard, where the machinery will be placed in position. So much work will this entail that it will probably be about two months before the trial trip can take place.

HAD A DYING MAN INSURED.

THE UNIQUE FRAUD FOR WHICH ROBERT TERRY IS ON TRIAL IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 10 (Special).-Robert Terry, recently president of the George Washington Council, No. 16, of the United States Benevolent Fraternity, is on trial here for fraud in insurance. Charles Zietle, a barber, came to St. Louis four months ago to collect an insurance policy left by a deceased brother. The policy had been left by the dead man to a step-father, but the Legion of Honor, which insured the deceased man, held that blood relations had the first call. These were Charles Zietle and his sister, Mrs. Dora Schmitt. Robert Terry prosecuted the Ziefle claim. While the litigation was in progress, Ziefle was attacked with Terry removed him from his sister's home, telling her it would be best to send him back to Texas at once. This was not done, but the sick man was kept here. He began to sink rapidly. Juncture Terry presented the application of Charles Ziefle for membersaip in the United States Benevolen Fraternity. A man was introduced who personated Zieffe. Dr. Whittaker, the medical examiner, who is also under indictment, reported the new applicant in sound health. The supposed Ziede was admitted and insured for \$5,000. The new member immediately disappeared and was seen no more. Ziefle was, mean while, dying at the house of a woman named Hertz, In three weeks he was dead. The corpse was painted and made up with wigs and mustache to resemble the man who had joined the order. Mrs. Hertz personated Ziefle's sister, and made application for the \$5,000. It was paid, and the body of Ziefle was

buried.

But the real sister had become suspicious of Terry, and learned that her brother had not been taken to Texas. Terry then fold her that he was dead, but said he had promised Ziefle not to tell Mrs. Schmitt. The latter had the body exhumed. She said it was not hee brother. Then the wig and mustache fell off, and the fraud was exposed and she recognized her brother. Terry, Whittaker and Mrs. Hertz were indicted.

TO DO MISSIONARY WORK IN INDIA. Beloit, Wis., Dec. 10.—The Rev. and Mrs. Fred-rick H. Northrop, of this city, started yesterlay to ngage in missionary work in India. Mrs. Northrop was formerly Miss Nina Alcan, of the Salvation Army. I'wo years ago she sold her jewels and silk and donned the uniform of the Salvationists, leaving a good place and friends to engage in missionary work in New-York and Brooklyn. She afterward returned to her Beiolt home and was best to the public gaze until last fall, when she married the Rev. F. H. Northrop. Her husband has lately been preaching in the Methodist Church at Iroquois, Del.

SIOUX CHIEFS START FOR WASHINGTON. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 10.-A "Pioneer Press" Pierre, S. D., dispatch says: "Five of the big chiefs from the Cheyenne Agency start for Washington today to confer with the President about the open ing of the Sioux Reservation. They are White Swan. harger, Flying Bird, Crow Eagle and Brave Eagle, They will be accompanied by Agent McChesney. They state that they intend to ask the Great Chief at Washington to bind himself never to take land from them again and to leave them and their families in undisturbed possession of the remains of their great THE FAIR WILL CLOSE THIS EVENING.

A fair for the benefit of the Sawyer Memorial Church, at One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st, and Lexington ave., was begun in Arthur Hall, Lenox-ave, and One-

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DECEMBER 13.

SALE ON FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13, AT 8 O'CLOCK.

TWO MEN BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS. Pittsburg, Lec. 10 .- A Butler, Penn., dispatch says: At a quarter past 9 o'clock this morning Butler was shaken by a nitro-glycerine explosion at the Butler Torpedo Company's magazine, two miles south of The explosion occurred when cans were being put into the wagons at the factory. James O. Woods and William Medill and their wagon and team were blown into unrecognizable fragments. The woods in the vicinity of the magazine are being searched by hundreds of men for the remains of the men. The hundreds of the factory buildings are demolished. It is thought that Woods let a can of the explosive drop when handing it up to Medill, who was in the wagon.

CAN HAVE THE OUTLET AT 83 AN ACRE. Kansas Chy, Dec. 10 .- A dispatch to "The Journal" from Talaluah, I. T., says that the commission appointed by Chief Mayes, of the Cherokee Nation, to confer with the United States Indian Commission, sent a communication to the latter to-day informing them they were ready to treat with the Government for the sale of the Cherokee Outlet. The Indians requested that the conference be held under the first section of the act under which the Government Commission was appointed, and which empowers is to buy the Outlet at figure not higher than \$3 per acre. If the Commission did not see fit to necotiate on that basis, are communication said the Indians requested the had at \$3 per acra.

Ayres says he will discover the perpetrator of the outleft in the yard. There is, however, enough work being done on the vessels which are now in course of construction there, and on those being fitted for ser-vice, to keep the yard still a busy place. Coney Island on June 21, 1888. He was tried three The New-York and rage, if it is possible, times before his conviction, two juries disagreeing. When told that the Court of Appeals affirmed his sentence, Stone seemed indifferent, but an effort will be made to get the Governor to commute his sentence. New-Jersey Globe Cas Light Company has received the contract for lighting the streets of North Plainfield. The lamps will cost \$17 each per year. THEIR VICE-PRESIDENT AN EMBEZZLER. BLOOMINGDALE .- Edward E. Ball, of the firm of Cincinnati, Dec. 10.-Richard D. Kyle, late vice-GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN. tail Brothers, general storekeepers, has been arrested Henry Offerman, of No. 361 Washington-ave., a member of the sugar refining firm of Havemeyer & Elder, has purchased a portion of the block in Fulton-st., between Bridge and Duffield sts., with a frontage of 100 feet, for \$190,000 and will erect a large building upon it which will be occupied by a great retail dry-goods house, the name of which is not ver the discloser. president of the Anderson-Harris Carriage Company. and held to await the action of the Morris County Grand Jury, on a charge of defrauding a Mrs. Collin few weeks ago he had a quarrel with the company and who lives in that county. She asserts that Ball preembezzlement was then suggested. tended to have a mortgage drawn up for her, but it company \$20,000, and it was supposed by him that all charges were withdrawn. But the books have mean-time been examined, and it is now said that the amount of his embezziement was nearly \$40,000. The charge in the warrant is \$11,000, embezzled between October 1 and October 11. was really a deed of her property to him, which he had recorded at Morristown. NEW-BRUNSWICK .- Judge Scudder yesterday ot vet disclosed.

> has been discovered by the contestants. PATERSON.-The Textile Manufacturing Company. which has been preparing to start in the manufacture of silk ribbons, returned its machinery yesterday to the builders, because it could not pay for it. difficulty is indirectly caused, it is said, by the failure of Whitney & Co., dry-goods merchants.

Health Inspector Leal is waging a vigorous war on